

REMARKS

Thank you for the telephonic interview on July 11, 2008. The Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2008 has been received and reviewed. By the present Response and Amendment, Claim 24 has been cancelled, and Claims 1, 11, 12, 23 are amended. No new matter is introduced.

Claims 11 and 24 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, with the language “the releasable connection” and “the catch pan” being objected to. This language has been deleted from Claim 11 and Claim 24 has been canceled. Accordingly, this rejection has been addressed and overcome.

Claims 12 – 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) in view of Schichtl. Claims 12, 13, 15, 16 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Soderquist. Claim 24 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Ho.

Claims 1-3, 5-7 and 11 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) in view of Soderquist and Sato. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Soderquist and Sato, and further in view of Schichtl. Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Soderquist and Sato, and further in view of Ho. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Soderquist. Applicant traverses these rejections and requests reconsideration in view of the amendments presented herein and the following remarks.

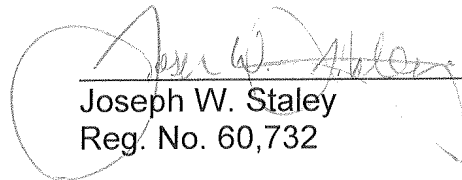
As presently amended, Claim 1 now recites “...and each rail being positioned a distance away from the side edges of the front panel.” Claim 12 is amended to recite “...and wherein each of said rails is positioned a distance from the side edges of the openable panel.” Amended Claim 23 recites “...and each of said rails being positioned a distance from the side edges of the pivotally opening panel.” These amendments are supported by the specification and drawings as originally filed, including Paragraph 26 and Figure 3.

As discussed with the Examiner during our telephonic interview of July 11, 2008, the prior art of record does not disclose or suggest these newly claimed features. Therefore, independent claims 1, 12, and 23 are believed to be in condition for allowance. As such, dependent claims 2-8, 11, and 13-17 are also believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments submitted herein and the above comments, it is believed that all grounds of rejection are overcome and that the application has now been placed in full condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits early and favorable action. Should there be any further questions or reservations, the Examiner is urged to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney at (770) 984-2300.

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